Promotion of English School Teachers in 1106.

74. **MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI** (*Quilon*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether grade promotions were given to graduate teachers in English Schools with retrospective effect in 1106 M. E. ;

(*b*) if so, the names of those graduate teachers who were given grade promotions with retrospective effect in 1106 M. E.;

(*c*) the date on which each promotion was made ;

(*d*) the lump amount due to each of such teachers ; and

(*e*) the amount disbursed on account of this in 1106 M. E.?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The member is referred to the answer to interpellation No. 76 [149] by Mr. A. Thanu Pillai.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*) : May I know, Sir, what was the reason for this hurrying up of the payment of these dues to these officers in this year of financial stringency?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Payments were due to them and they were sanctioned. There was no hurrying up.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*) : May I know whether it was considered urgent to give all this amount with retrospective effect ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : When individual claims are allowed, each officer claims it in a separate bill and gets the money. They are entitled to it.

Financial condition of the State.

75. **MR. P. S. MAHOMED** (*Nominated*) : Are the Government aware that the country as a whole is steadily going down in point of finance?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*): No.

Interview of the members of the Council and the Assembly with Heads of Departments.

76. **MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN** (*Commerce and Industry, North*) : Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have at any time instructed the Heads of Departments that they should, both at headquarters and in camp, allow members of the Legislative Council and the Popular Assembly to interview them on matters of public interest concerning their respective departments ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The answer is in the negative.

DEMANDS FOR GRANTS.

DEMAND VI EXCISE DEPARTMENT—(*contd.*)

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : We now resume the discussion of Demand VI—Excise Department. Mr. P. Gomatinayakam Pillai, please continue your speach.

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